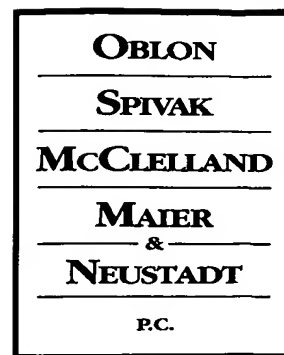




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the election requirement dated May 25, 2005, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-14 drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 330, for further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 is in order and is respectfully requested.

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